



# The Woodsette

The Woods Community Newsletter

November 2015

## News from the Streets and Drains Committee

The plans for the new Hodges Gatehouse are moving along smoothly. Blasingame Building Services of Jacksonville Beach has been selected as the contractor of choice. We are awaiting a contract from Blasingame for our lawyer to approve. If all goes well, we should be closing The Woods Park Drive in early December. Remember the Hodges gate will be completely closed for all traffic and everyone will be using the Atlantic Gate for the six to eight weeks that it will take to erect the new structure. We have contacted the city to see if we can extend the timing on the Atlantic Blvd traffic light to reduce the wait time. Once the new Hodges Gate is completed, you will need to advise your families, permanent guests, and regular service providers (lawn care, house cleaning, etc.), that if their vehicles are over 9 feet tall they will have to use the resident gate.

Drainage repair has started on The Woods Drive, Firethorn Lane, The Woods Drive East, Wild Holly Court, Spanish Moss Drive and Bent Pine Court

## Help Is Needed!!

A large number of **proxies** are still needed in order to hold our Annual Meeting/Election. We currently need at least 170 additional proxies to be turned as soon as possible. Please mail them in or stop by the office to fill out the forms.

The **Recreation Committee** has been on hold for several months due to a lack of sufficient member-

ship. The Committee is responsible for organizing and hosting several important events in the Woods, including the Margarita Party, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July party, and the end of the school-year party for the kids. If you are interested in volunteering to serve on this Committee, please contact Caryn at the office.

East this past week. Please be careful when driving these roads.

The 5 Bridges repair has been postponed until after the first of the year so we can focus all our attention on the Hodges Gatehouse and the drainage system. That's the pond with the fountain on the east walking path. Bid requests are being prepared for this project. Hopefully that project will start early next year.

After the first of the year, we will again look at the conditions of our roads to see what upgrades will need to be made. If anyone has pot holes, large cracks or bumps in the road, or anything else that shouldn't be there, please call the office and let them know.

Mark your calendar and attend our meeting on the second Thursday of the month at 6PM at Chilis near Lowes. It's a good time to voice your concerns about our roads and drainage systems and get involved.

IMPORTANT AUGUST EVENTS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Board of Directors - Annual Mtg	Nov 10	7:00 PM	The Woods Clubhouse
Streets & Drains	Nov 12	6:00 PM	Chili's Restaurant
Finance Committee	Nov 18	7:00 PM	The Woods Clubhouse
Women of the Woods	Nov 19	7:00 PM	The Woods Clubhouse
Architectural Review Committee	No Meeting		

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## Women of the Woods

At the Thursday, **October 15th Women of The Woods meeting**, we hosted our wildly popular, second annual **Spooky Bingo Night**. With Halloween themed decorations and delightful wine and beverages, members enjoyed an evening of fun and fantastic prizes for Bingo winners. Special thanks to JoAnn Orlando, our entertaining Bingo caller, and to Vice President Donna Webster who provided the Bingo game and Bingo cards!!!! Members also contributed food and gift cards for the Thanksgiving Hubbard House Food Baskets.

Then on **Saturday, October 24th**, Women of The Woods sponsored the **Annual Fall Garage Sale**. More than 96 families participated and hundreds of customers attended, making this another successful day of treasure hunting for customers and profit for participants. Special thanks to Jeannie Ballentine, Joann Jewell, Carol Bernardis, Jean Kurkowski and Patti Smith for organizing, advertising, and distributing participant packets. **Next Garage Sale will be late March/early April.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR: November 19th WOW Meeting.** Our thankful theme for this service meeting will be *Pay It Forward* as members will

help to assemble the actual Thanksgiving baskets for needy families who would otherwise have no holiday dinner. **We are collecting food and gift cards from members and Woods neighbors throughout November.** (See the list of acceptable foods and gift cards published in this newsletter.) **PLEASE HELP BY LEAVING YOUR FOOD AND GIFT CARDS at The Woods Office between now and November 19th.** While we work at putting baskets together, we will enjoy refreshments and beverages, and everyone who participates will be eligible to **win a drawing for a special WOW Thanksgiving basket (wine included.)**

**December 17 (Thursday) WOW Holiday Party.** We're again meeting at **Jean Kurkowski's fabulously decorated home** for a Christmas Cookie Exchange and holiday celebration together. And again, we are collecting **NEW TOYS** that evening to make Christmas exciting for children of families unable to purchase toys.

WOW meets on the **third Thursday of each month** in The Woods Clubhouse at 7pm. Annual dues are \$15/person, payable by check or cash. If you have questions, please call Jeannie at 992-3848.

### Hubbard House Thanksgiving Baskets

Donations may be dropped off at  
The Woods office until  
Monday, November 16th.

To promote fairness and consistency for the recipients, please only donate items on the shopping list. An entire basket can be made for just \$35. Please secure gift cards in a large envelope.

Hubbard House Outreach Center will continue to accept donations until November 21st.

You will need to bring them to their  
Beach Boulevard location:

6629 Beach Boulevard, Jacksonville, 32216

### Shopping List

Instant Mashed Potatoes  
Stuffing Mix  
Jar or Packet of Turkey Gravy Mix  
Dinner Rolls (off the shelf)  
Canned Cranberry Sauce  
Canned Sweet Potatoes or Yams  
Canned Corn  
Canned Green Beans  
Canned Cream of Mushroom Soup  
Durkee Onion Rings

Poultry Seasoning  
White Sugar  
Instant Tea  
Aluminum Foil  
Turkey Pan  
Turkey Bags  
Long Storage Milk (Evaporated or dry)  
Gift Card for listed items (\$25 increments)



# Gardening Tips for November

## What to Plant

**Bedding Plants:** Create a display of fall colors with cool season plants. Some to try are pansy, viola, and chrysanthemum.

**Bulbs:** Bulbs to plant this month include amaryllis, crinum, and daylily. Plant Lycoris (spider lily) in partial shade. Plants will produce foliage in winter and beautiful red flowers emerge in late summer.

**Herbs:** Continue planting herbs from seeds or plants. A wide variety of herbs like cooler, dryer weather, including cilantro, dill, fennel, parsley, sage, and thyme.

**Vegetables:** Continue planting cool season crops such as beet, broccoli, cabbage, carrot, kale, and lettuce.

## What To Do

**Citrus:** If freezing temperatures are predicted, protect small citrus trees by watering well at least a day before the freeze. You may also use covers that extend to the ground for protection.

**Scale on ornamental plants:** Now that tempera-

tures are lower, use dormant oil sprays to control scale insects on trees and shrubs.

**Irrigation:** Plants need less supplemental watering in cooler weather. Turn off systems and water only if needed.

**Flowering Trees:** Taiwan cherry is an ornamental cherry suitable for north Florida. Late winter will bring pink buds so consider planting one now.

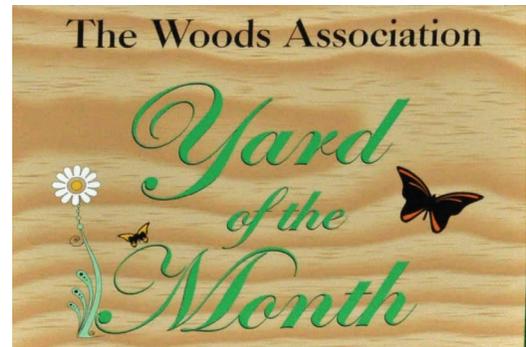
**Birds:** As you prune your plants during the cooler months, make a small brush pile in the back of the yard for birds.

**Camellias:** Add some of the new cultivars for bright spots of color in winter. Disbudding, or removing some buds now, will ensure larger blooms later.

Congratulations to all the 2015 Yard of the Month winners, but also to all the homeowners for making The Woods a beautiful community in which to live. It has been a great year and it would not have been possible without the dedicated volunteers on the team. Thank you! And thank you to Lowe's for partnering with us and donating the gift cards each month.

## Yard of the Month Winners for 2015

April	David and Cynthia Rose	12901 The Woods Dr S
May	Robert and Jo Pendexter	1712 Tall Tree Dr E
June	Mike and Dawn Wehner	12891 Winged Elm Dr N
July	Ken and Nancy Greene	2240 Fallen Tree Dr W
Aug	Richard and Dawn Crain	2536 Beautyberry Cir E
Sep	John and Linda Watson	1827 Spiceberry Cir W
Oct	James and Ashley Bruce	2198 The Woods Dr E



### **FREE GOLF MEMBER FOR A DAY!**

Our friends at Queen's Harbour are extending owners in The Woods a special 'Member for a Day' package! Now through 12/11/2015, call a representative and experience all that the Queen's Harbor Golf and Country Club has to offer: Golf (\$20.00 cart fee still applies as it does with all members), tennis, swimming, 50% off all dining, and more!

**What are you waiting for?**

**Call and schedule your day and/or tee time TODAY!**

**Contact: Jeff Carreira, 904-220-2118 ext 2**

**Or [Jeff.Carreira@ClubCorp.com](mailto:Jeff.Carreira@ClubCorp.com)**

# Announcements and Reminders

- ◆ **Watering:** Now that Daylight Saving Time has ended, **one-day-a-week** watering is in effect. Homes with odd numbers water on Saturdays **only** and even-numbered homes water on Sundays **only**. There is to be NO watering between the hours of 10:00am and 4:00pm.
- ◆ **Recycling collection dates:** November 11, 25 and December 9, 23
- ◆ **Driving in The Woods:** The speed limit in The Woods is 25 mph and STOP signs mean just that!
- ◆ **Call the Gates:** Be sure to advise the gate guard ahead of time when you are expecting visitors.
- ◆ **Neighborhood Ponds:** There are to be no boats, other watercraft, or swimming in any of the neighborhood ponds. Fishing is permitted; however, anything that is caught must be released back into the pond. Also fishing may only be done in ponds that have common areas surrounding them. It is not permitted to fish or gain access via a homeowner's lot unless you are the homeowner of that lot or an invited guest of the homeowner.
- ◆ **Feeding Your Pets:** You are encouraged NOT to leave food for your pets outdoors as the food attracts wildlife such as raccoons.
- ◆ **Cars and Garage Doors:** Remember to keep your garage doors closed when not in use and make sure your cars are locked.
- ◆ **Make Yourself Visible:** If you like to ride bikes, walk, or jog late in the day or at night, be sure to wear some light-colored (preferably reflective) clothing.
- ◆ **Walking Pets:** Jacksonville Municipal Code requires that pets be on a leash or tether when being walked by their owners. Both the law and common courtesy require that pet owners immediately clean up any mess made by their pets.

ENTRY GATES	
ATLANTIC	221-3111
HODGES	221-2435
THE WOODS OFFICE	
PHONE—Line 1	221-3722
PHONE—Line 2	221-3723
FAX	221-0833
OFFICE HOURS	
MONDAY	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
TUESDAY	2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
THURSDAY	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
FRIDAY	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
MARSH LANDING MGMT CO	
PHONE	273-3033
FAX	273-0933



IMPORTANT EMAIL/WEBSITES		THE WOODS BOARD OF DIRECTORS/COMMITTEE CHAIRS			
EMAIL: The Woods	thewoodscommunit@bellsouth.net	<b>BOARD OFFICE</b>	<b>HOLDER</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>CHAIR</b>
CLASSIFIED ADS: The Woodsette	TheWoodsette@yahoo.com	PRESIDENT	S. Thomaston	FINANCE	A. Tomas
WEBSITE: The Woods	www.thewoodscommunity.com	VICE-PRESIDENT	J. Holland	RECREATION	TBD
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		TREASURER	M. Boggs	RULES & SAFETY	TBD
		DIRECTOR	N. Causey	ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW	L. DeCaires
				COVENANT ENFORCEMENT	TBD

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### ITEMS FOR SALE

Wooden Dining Room Table with Leaf and 6 chairs 100.00, Sofa 25.00, Computer Desk & Chair 25.00, 16 foot Extension Ladder 20.00, Rocker 15.00. Please call Randy at 223-5978

### ITEMS FOR SALE

Burley brand bike trailer, trailer attaches to an adult's bike & holds two children or pets. In great condition \$80. Call Matthew 240-5977.

### BABYSITTING SERVICES

Babysitter available. My name is Melanye. I am 17 years old and I have my own transportation. I have been certified through the Red Cross/CPR programs. Please call 220-5212 for further information.

### DAILY DOG WALKING AND PET SITTING

I am a homeschool teenager available for child care and dog walking/pet sitting. I have child care experience through babysitting, working in the church nursery and summer camps. I am available during the day as well as the evening. References available. Contact Halee at 576-1315 for more info.

### PET SITTING

Pet sitting for dogs, cats, or any other pets you may have. I am a high school student with a flexible schedule. References. Call Hannah at 923-5229.

The only ads that will be published in The Woodsette are 1) **Items for sale by residents** of The Woods and 2) **Services provided by children ages 18 and under, who are also residents** of The Woods. Ads will run for one month, unless other arrangements are made with the editor in advance. Ads **must be received by the 20th of each month** to be included in the subsequent month's publication. You must re-submit each month if you wish the ad to be re-run. Please be advised that your ad may be edited in order to fit within the space available. Send the text for your ad to: [TheWoodsette@yahoo.com](mailto:TheWoodsette@yahoo.com).